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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 24th June, 2025

[No.21395–GAD-FE-OSSC-0002/2025/Gen.]

Subject: Extension of the validity period of the Select List for the post of Combined Auditor-2019.

WHEREAS, the Odisha Staff Selection Commission had issued Advertisement No.4528/OSSC., dated the 21st December, 2019 for the combined recruitment examination for 161 (one hundred sixty-one) posts of Auditor under the Directorates of Industries and Finance Department.

AND, WHEREAS, the petitioner, Shri Chiranjibi Pradhan, having been provisionally shortlisted for certificate verification on account of his performance in the Main Written Examination and Computer Skill Test, was, however, excluded from the Provisional Select List published vide Notification No.52/OSSC., dated the 19th July, 2022.

AND, WHEREAS, aggrieved by the said exclusion, the petitioner instituted W.P.(C) No.25978/2023 before the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, seeking his rightful inclusion and appointment as Auditor pursuant to the aforementioned Advertisement. The Hon'ble High Court, by its Order No.11, dated the 23rd October, 2024, disposed of the petition, inter alia, observing and directing as follows:

" ....The result, as has been disclosed today by way of additional affidavit, appears that there was mistake committed by the opposite party no.1(i.e. OSSC) in awarding the marks. Such mistake being admitted by the opposite party no.1, the petitioner cannot be made to suffer. Therefore, the opposite parties are directed to take steps to rectify and give consequential effect to the results as furnished to this Court by way of additional affidavit today. Such exercise should be completed within a period of eight weeks from today.

The aforesaid order is passed on the concession of the learned counsel appearing for the respective parties .... "

AND, WHEREAS, in accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, the petitioner has been granted an additional 3 (three) marks in the Computer Skill Test, bringing his total aggregate to 234.50 marks. Since this score exceeds that of the last candidate selected under the Unreserved (Male) category, who secured 233.75 marks, the petitioner is deemed eligible for appointment to the post of Combined Auditor-2019.

AND, WHEREAS, the Select List for the aforesaid recruitment, published vide Notification No.52(C)/OSSC., dated the 19th July, 2022, stood lapsed on dated 18th July, 2023 by operation of Rule 15(3) of the Odisha Staff Selection Commission Rules, 1993 (hereinafter referred to as "OSSC Rules"), and does not contemplate any provision for extension of the validity period. The said Rule stipulates as follows:

"The Select List for each recruitment examination shall be valid for one year from the date of its publication or till the publication of the result of the next recruitment examination, whichever is earlier."

AND, WHEREAS, Rule-15(3) of Orissa Staff Selection Commission Rules, 1993 states that ***" The Select list for each recruitment examination shall be valid for one year from the date of its publication or till the publication of the result of the next recruitment examination whichever is earlier ".*** There is no provision in the existing OSSC Rules, 1993 relating to the time limit within which the extension of the validity period of the 'Select List' will be considered or not.

AND, WHEREAS, the Secretary, OSSC, vide Letter No.730/OSSC., dated the 13th February, 2025, requested the Government to extend the validity period of the Select List in question in light of the Hon'ble Court's directions and the circumstances warranting such extension.

AND, WHEREAS, the Law Department, after due scrutiny, opined that the Government may, in exercise of the power vested under Rule 17 of the OSSC Rules, 1993, which authorizes the Government to relax any provision of the Rules for reasons to be recorded in writing, consider such relaxation for implementing the judicial mandate.

AND, WHEREAS, Rule 17 of the said rules speaks as follows ***" Where the Government are of opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, they may by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules in respect of any class or category of persons in public interest ".***

NOW, THEREFORE, after careful consideration, Government have been pleased to relax the provisions of sub-rule (3) of rule-15 of Odisha Staff Selection Commission Rules, 1993 by invoking the powers conferred under Rule 17 of the said Rules to extend the

validity period of the Select List published by the Odisha Staff Selection Commission vide Notification No.52 (C)/OSSC., dated the 19th July, 2022 till dated **30th September, 2025**.

ORDER- Ordered that this order shall be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

By Order of the Governor
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Additional Secretary to Government

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